

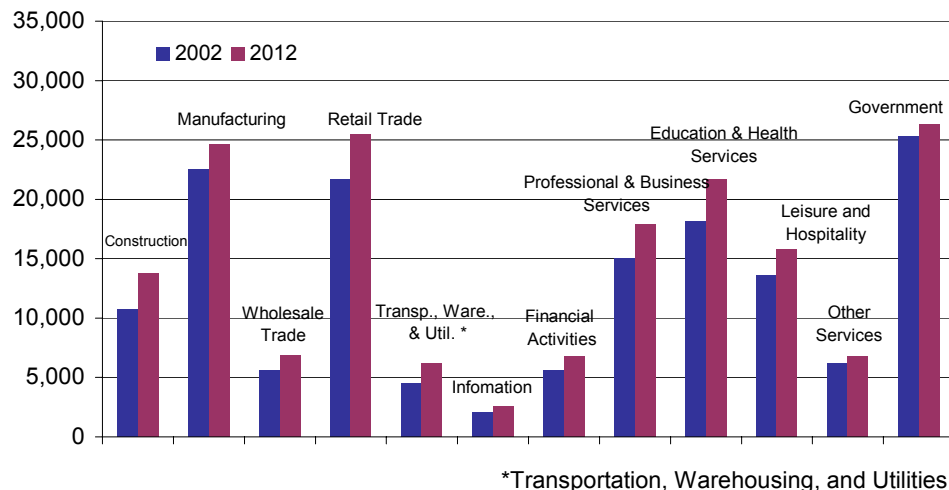
Stanislaus County Projection Highlights

Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Stanislaus County is expected to grow 1.6 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. This is less than the 1.8 percent forecasted for California as a whole for the same period. This growth will add 24,200 new jobs and bring the employment of Stanislaus County to about 175,000 by 2012. Over half of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in four major industries: Retail Trade (16%), Education and Health Services (15%), Construction (13%), and Professional and Business Services (12%).

Construction and Information are the fastest growing major industry sectors, projected to grow at an annual rate of 2.9 and 2.4 percent, respectively. In addition, growth remains strong in key industries such as Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (4%), Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (3.6%), and Administrative and Support and Waste Services (2.3%), which are expected to grow faster than the county's annual growth rate.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for the major industries in Stanislaus County.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- About 24,200 new jobs from industry growth,
- Approximately 37,500 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 61,700 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 59 percent of all job openings in Stanislaus County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate approximately 36,400 total job openings. While these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations, such as Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations, such as Registered Nurses, General Managers, and Teachers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to outpace the county's annual growth rate. Occupations in Healthcare and Construction are scattered throughout the top fifty fastest growing occupations. Construction related occupations require moderate to long-term on-the-job training. Education and training requirements vary for Healthcare occupations, ranging from moderate-term on-the-job training to a professional degree.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

